SPORTS

by Billy Thompson

Raiders Finish Season With 8-2 Mark

The Appomattox Raiders have wound up their 1971 football season with a very respectable 8-2 record overall and 5-2 in the Seminole District standings, which was good for a second place tie with Gretna. Brookville finished the season with a 10-0 mark and will be in the playoffs. The Raiders were 14th in the standings of Double AA Schools with a 9.7 rating that is compiled by the Virginia High School League.

The Raiders scored 196 points this past year and gave up 87 in their game schedule. In the 10 games they had shutout opponents three times and were shutout only once. Their biggest point output was 54 and they failed to score against Brookville. They allowed them 35 points, but two of their shutouts came against Gretna and Altavista, two teams that were contenders for the title.

The offense of the Raiders gained almost double that of opponents as they picked up 2224 yards total, 1827 on the ground and 397 in the air. The opponents had 573 on the ground and 591 passing for a total of 1164 yards. Appomattox had 122 first down to 66 for their opponents, so they averaged about 12 first downs per game and over 200 yards per game. Brookville was the only team to really contain the Raiders as they managed only six first downs and a total offense of only 69 yards. Their best game was a 346 yard total offense night against Orange County High School, a non-district team.

Mike McCormick, a senior, was the leading ground gainer for the Raiders and also led them in scoring the past year. He scored 12 touchdowns for 72 points and gained 944 yards rushing on 186 carries for an average of about five yards per carry. His longest run from scrimmage was a 61 yard TD run against Orange County. His best game rushing was against Staunton River when he carried the ball 27 times for 156 yards. In the 10 games he rushed for a 100 yards or more six times. His longest run was a 70 yard punt return in the opening game against Buckingham. McCormick also caught 13 passes, good for 120 yards including one touchdown.

The other big rusher for the Raiders was another senior, Jimmy Chandler. He gained 589 yards rushing on 125 carries, good for about four and a half yards per rush. He was also second in scoring with 46 points coming on four field goals, two touchdowns and making 22 of 27 extra point tries by the kick. He caught nine passes for 77 yards. His longest run was 87 yards and his best rushing game was 96 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns against Rustburg. His longest field goal was 30 yards, and two of 23 and one of 26 yards.

Bobby Layne, a junior quarterback, was also a good runner at times as he gained 193 yards rushing in 73 carries and passed for 353 yards on 31 of 80 attempts. Layne scored 30 points for the Raiders on five touchdowns and passed for three more TD's. His best game rushing was against Orange when he gained 78 yards on 15 carries and scored two times along with passing for 69 yards.

Randy Foster, a senior, was the only other Raider to go over the 100 yard mark rushing. He only carried 28 times, but gained 122 yards, an average of about four yards per carry. Foster caught six passes for 124 yards to lead the Raider pass receivers. He only scored one touchdown this year, that a 12 yard run.

The Raiders defense was very strong, as they only allowed about 11 per game. The defense recovered 15 fumbles and intercepted six passes. Billy Guthrie led them in the fumble recoveries with four and Lee Conner had three and Mike McCormick two. The others recovering fumbles were Steve Almond, Nathan Snell, Dennis Wilkerson, Robert Thornton, Steve Lawson and Mike Gallier. Nathan Snell had two pass interceptions to lead the team in that department. Phillip Goode, Steve Almond, Mike McCormick and Mike Gallier had the other interceptions. Mike Gallier was the only man on the defense that managed to score. He got a fumble recovery in the Rustburg game and went 64 yards for the score and intercepted a pass in the Nelson County game and scored from five yards out.

Lee Conner, Billy Guthrie and Robert Thornton are three players that seem to be in on the leading tacklers every week. Dennis Wilkerson, Phillip Goode, Steve Almond, Randy Foster, Mike McCormick and Steve Lawson, all had big nights as did a lot of the other defensive men but all in all it was a team effort as the record shows.

The Raiders will lose 15 men at graduation this year. The seniors on the team are as follows: Wayne Simpson, Mike McCormick, David Johnson, Robert Thornton, Jimmy Chandler, Randy Foster, Dickie Lawson, Lee Conner, David Harris, Lee West, Steve Almond, Steve Lawson, Dennis Wilkerson, Mike Weakley and Elester Cawthorn.

Conner was the leading tackler for the Raiders averaging about eight tackles per game and was in on many more assists. The last game of the year against Altavista was probably his best game as he had 14 tackles and recovered a fumble. Guthrie averaged about six tackles per game un until he was injured in the William Campbell... The Raider defense seem to arise to the occasion on many plays when they had to. The pass defense allowed five touchdowns, two were scored on a fumble recovery, and the other six scored on the ground, but some of these TD's were not the defense, but caused by the offense.

There are a lot of players that will be returning next year that saw a lot of action this past year. They are Bobby Layne, Mike Gallier, Nathan Snell, David Wheeler, Phillip Goode, Billy Guthrie and Joe Johnson.

The Raiders were penalized 38 times for 277 yards and the opponents 40 times for 352 yds. The fourth quarter was the big scoring quarter for the Raiders as they scored 62 points in the final quarter, 52 in the second quarter and 41 in the first and third quarters. The third quarter was the big quarter for opponents with 33, 28 in the first and 13 in the second and fourth. The Raiders trailed at the half only two times this past year. The first was to Brookville, whom they lost to and Rustburg led 7- at the half, but rallied to win 20-7. The other game they lost, they led William Campbell at the half 13-0 and got beat 14-13.

Congratulations to Coach Jerry Robinson and his staff, George Blanton, Cliff Morris, Ken Ferguson, and Paris Lenon on a fine year.

A recap listed below of all game totals together.

	Appo	Opp.
First Downs	122	66
Rushing Yds.	456/1827	292/573
Passing Yds.	397	591
Passes Completed /Attempted	37/91	51/129
Fumbles lost by	10	15
Passes Intercepted by	6	6
Penalties	38/277	40/352

Concord Little League Enjoy Football Banquet

The Concord Little League "Indians", the Mites, the Midgets and the Varsity, were honored with a banquet for the three football teams on Saturday, November 13th, at the Concord Elementary School. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Matthew (Mrs. Matthew is Assistant Principal at the school) and Wayne Lankford, Captain of the Concord Rescue Squad. The banquet was a big success with 172 persons attending. The dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Concord Rescue Squad. Special awards were presented outstanding players on each of the three teams and each player received a football letter "1" representing the name of the teams – the Indians. Pictured above are the players on the "Mites" team, coached by Tom Roberts, Ray Garlick and Gerald Jeffers. On this team, Mark Coleman was named outstanding defensive player and Wayne Johnson was named outstanding offensive player. In the next two weeks, the TIMES-VIRGINIAN will run pictures of the "Midgets" and of the "Varsity" teams and at that time the outstanding players will be named. Watch for these pictures in the next issues of your local paper.

Baby Raiders Total 118 Pts.

by Rabbit Cawthrone

The Baby Raiders of Appomattox scored 118 points to opponents' men 36 during the season just ended. We think coaches Paris Lenon and Ken Ferguson did a wonderful job, and they ended the season with a 5-2 record.

They tied for 2nd place in the district, Jayvee division, but this only tells part of the story.

For instance, they lost to Nelson County by only two points, 10-8 and then again to Altavista 8-7 and this cost them the district championship!

Dickie Kelso, in seven ball games, led the Raiders in points with a total of 56.

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Mrs. Lyle Gilbert spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Campbell in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bondurant spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stratton visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stratton. They have been sick all week with a virus.

Mrs. Fan Bracey went home Sunday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] of Prince[illegible], N.C., [illegible] week ago with [illegible] Jack Calder.

Birthdays

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DEATHS

DR. W. T. WILLIAMS

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this area as supply pastor.

He served as stated clerk of the Appomattox Presbytery and the West Hanover Presbytery for a total of 30 years, a record in this presbytery. He had also served as national chaplain, national registrar and state president of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia.

He was a member of Chi Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa fraternities; the Society of the Cincinnati; Rockbridge Historical Society; the Society of Genealogists in London and the Genealogical Society of Virginia.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by four sons, William T. Williams, III of Lexington, Dr. Mark Bird Williams of Petersburg, Judge J. Taylor Williams of Cumberland and Maj. A. A. Williams USA ret. of Newport News; a stepson, Douglas S. MacKenzie of Racine, Wis.; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday from Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church. Burial took place in Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Rockbridge County.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN B. HOWERTON

John Burton Howerton, 76, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina died Tuesday, November 9 in a farmer, N. C. hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Bertha Blashingh Howerton.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of A. H. Howerton and Anna Marvin Howerton. A retired real estate dealer, he was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Winston-Salem.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by four brothers, E. H. Howerton of Logan, W. Va., L. M. Howeron of Lewisville, N. C.; E. J. Howerton and A. C. Howerton of Lynchburg; two sisters, Mrs. H. H. Caldwell of Appomattox, and Mrs. Mary Nash of Concord.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at Salem United Methodist Church by the Rev. David Boger. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Robinson's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MACE R. LEWIS

GLADSTONE – Funeral services for Mace R. Lewis of Rt. 2, Gladstone were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, at Springfield Baptist Church by the Rev. Paul Rose. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

A deacon at Springfield Baptist Church, Appomattox, he died Sunday at Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Martha Jane Lewis.

Born in Appomattox County, he was a son of Mace and Mary E. Lewis.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by nine sons, William Lewis, Robert Lewis, Manuel Lewis, Ernest Lewis, Roosevelt Lewis, Ellis Lewis, Howard Lewis and Foster Lewis of Baltimore and Cornelius C. Lewis of Petersburg; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Poole of Philadelphia, Mrs. Lucy Roberson of Baltimore and Mrs. Lillie Mae Adams of New York; a brother, McKinley Lewis of Appomattox; two sisters, Mrs. Georgia Marshall of New York and Mrs. Henrietta Ferguson of Appomattox; 36 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MRS. FRANK T. CAWTHORN

Mrs. Eva Inge Cawthorn, 78, of Rt. 1, Appomattox, died at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital. She was the wife of the late Frank T. Cawthorn.

Born in Appomattox County, she was the daughter of Joel H. and Lillie Ranson Inge. She was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Frank T. Cawthorn, Jr., of Petersburg; two sisters, Mrs. Edna I. Young of Evergreen and Mrs. Louise I. Young of Lynchburg; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, by the Revs. Virgil Hudson and R. T. Smith. Burial took place in Evergreen Cemetery.

BECKHAM

Mrs. Clyde Moore and Mrs. Jimmy Guill spent the week end with Mr. H. O. Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Eural Martin and Don of Lynchburg visited in his home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burge and family were Saturday dinner guest of Mrs. Mary Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burge.

Mr. Abner Martin of Richmond is spending somethe time with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard Donald Lee Drinkard and Miss Eunice Martin.

The men enjoyed Monday, the first day of the hunting season. Charles "Jack" Martin of Lynchburg killed a deer.

The Trinity Church U.M.Y.F. spent the week end at Eagle Eyrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Dillard and family of Altavista, Mr. and Mrs. Watts Moore and sons, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tuck, Kathy Tuck, Dianne and Kathy Parsons and Edward Franklin visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore, Jr. and family Sunday evening.

Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Martin were Mr. M. G. Martin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Martin and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Carter, and Karen and Gwen Moore, Visiting in the afternoon were Mrs. Herbert Moore, Jr., Mr. Wayne Moore and Kelly, Mr. Everette Moore, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, Crystal Carter, Mr. Russell Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Burge, Jr., and Ricky Burge.

Miss Jackie Cobbs, Linda Sullivan and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris Ronnie, Carolyn and Mrs. S. G. Martin.

MRS. CARRIE MIMS

Mr. V. O. Mims has received word of the death of his mother Mrs. Carrie Mims of Plaquemine, Louisiana.

Mrs. Mims died in the Baton Rouge General Hospital, Baton Rouge, La. on Tuesday, November 16, 1971, following a brief illness. Funeral services will be conducted today, Thursday, by Wilbert Funeral Home.

W. Jasper Walker

GLADSTONE — William Jasper Walker, 85, of Rt 1, Gladstone, died Tuesday at Liberty Nursing Home, Lynchburg. He was the husband of the late Lena Lee Dyson Walker.

Born in Campbell County, he was a son of Walthon Walker and Dora Blankenship Walker.

He is survived by two sons, J. Milton Walker of Gladstone and Carlton E. Walker of Richmond; four daughters, Mrs. Rudell F. Cash and Mrs. Haney Mottley of Amherst, Mrs. Henry E. Higginbotham of Roanoke, and Mrs. Wilbur T. Campbell of Lanham, Md.; two brothers, Frank Walker of Tye River and Matthew Walker of North Carolina; 15 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Amherst Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Robert E. Murphy. Burial will be at Amherst Cemetery.

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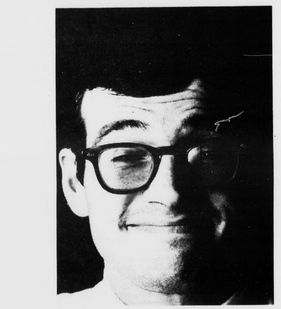

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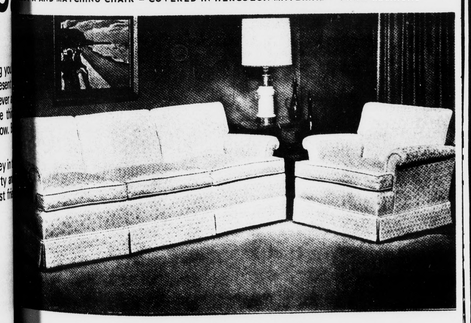

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